State of California—Health and Human Services Agency



Department of Health Services



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Dear Interested Parties:

MEDI-CAL CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA) 04-35199 ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN 5

Administrative Bulletin 5, issued by the California Department of Health Services, Office of Medi-Cal Procurement (OMCP), announces a delay in the release of the official questions and answers for the Medi-Cal Clinical Laboratory Services RFA (04-35199). For clarification, Applicants are reminded that clinical laboratories owned and operated by licensed hospitals and clinics, including those clinical laboratories owned and operated by the Regents of the University of California are not required to participate in this procurement.

The release of the official questions and answers has been delayed as a result of the high volume and complexity of the questions received. A new timeline for the balance of the procurement schedule will be released in the next addendum. Please be advised that the application due date will be extended appropriately to allow sufficient time for the clinical labs to properly respond to this RFA.

Due to the extremely high volume of telephone calls received by OMCP, it is suggested that you view the office's website at www.dhs.ca.gov/omcp to receive the latest information available about this RFA which may also answer your inquiries regarding document releases and scheduling changes. We apologize for any delays experienced in answering your telephone inquiries to date.

If you should have further questions, please contact Jesse Tanguileg, lead analyst assigned to this procurement, at (916) 255-6032.

Sincerely,

Donna Martinez, Chief Office of Medi-Cal Procurement